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GERMANY WOULD MAKE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS

Ambassador Gerrard Communicates this Fact to Washington, but Not Known if Sufficient to Meet Demands—Officials Hope for Peaceful Settlement.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 24.—Confidential advices from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin indicate that Germany is willing to make certain concessions to the United States in answer to the United States' note. Whether the concessions would be sufficiently broad to meet the American demands appears uncertain. However, the officials reflected an air of hopefulness today for an amicable settlement.

War Summary.

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 24.—There is another lull in the Verdun battle. The French have been nibbling on the German line west of the Meuse, however, and report making some progress near Caurettes Wood. There was a heavy bombardment on Dead Man's Hill. An aeroplane appeared over Dover this morning but was driven off by the anti-aircraft guns.

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TROOPS CONCENTRATED AT CONVENIENT POINTS

General Funston Now Has His Forces Distributed Along His Line of Communication and Is Ready for Any Emergency—The President Approved His Plans—It Is Said Officially that the Pursuit of Villa Is Over and the Troops Have Been Withdrawn from the Far Interior Points Where Hatred for Americans Is so Bitter—Report of Fight Not Confirmed. Carranza Asks for Early Answer to His Note Demanding Withdrawal of Our Troops.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Texas, April 24.—A disposition of the American forces as planned by General Funston and approved by President Wilson has been in a large measure completed. It was learned today the troops are now concentrated along the communication line which is said to be not more than two hundred and fifty miles long. There was an official admission at Fort Bliss that the pursuit of Villa was over, and an official admission was made that the soldiers had been withdrawn from the advanced positions where hatred for the Americans was most intense. A further report that the Americans engaged Carranzistas, and that several negro troops were killed, was not certified by the officials.

Villa Dead or Hiding.

(By Associated Press.)

Field Headquarters, April 24 (by wire)—The American military authorities obtained reliable information today that Villa had not crossed to Durango. He is said to be either dead or in hiding near Parral.

Another Fight Reported.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Texas, April 24.—Early today the police had a report that fighting had begun between United States soldiers and Carranzistas at Satevo. The police believed the report, which included the information that several negro soldiers had been killed.

DON'T OVERLOOK PASTURES FOR YOUR HOGS.

This is a mighty good time to recall that lecture by Tom, Dick and Harry at the fair last fall. Do you remember it? The chief thing to remember just now is the part that good pasturage played in Tom's big gains. He was able to pay at the rate of \$1.30 a month for his pasturage during the six months that he was on it. Of course this was not made with the pasturage alone, but in conjunction with good grain feed. The point is that the pasturage made the grain feeding more valuable. But in order to get the advantage

of this pasturage we must prepare for it. While the pasture that Tom ranged over was not a specially prepared pasture, yet it was a little more than just a piece of ground with a fence around it. It contained a lot of native grasses and he didn't have to go very far to get all the grass he wanted. So if just ordinary grasses will make this difference, think what the gain would have been had this pasture consisted of good hog-feeding crops. Suppose it had been peanuts, or cowpeas, or sorghum, or for that matter, rape. Don't you know Tom would have paid even more liberally for it?

The moral is that if we want these good results from raising and feeding our pigs this year we must commence right now preparing good pastures for them by planting such crops as we know will give the best results. The list at our disposal is almost unlimited. There are sorghum and the grain sorghums and cowpeas and peanuts and sweet potatoes and rape. Properly planned and planted in separately fenced lots, such crops should raise our pigs without any grain feeding except just enough to insure hard fat. But they must be planned for and planted now if we hope to get the greatest benefits from them. It won't do to depend upon native grasses, because you remember that in July and August most of these become pretty brown and dry from the drought; but a cultivated crop is at its best just about this time, and if we have it to turn our pigs upon they will continue growing and getting fatter instead of standing still and requiring more grain. Don't overlook this this spring. Be sure to plant some hog pasture crops.—Progressive Farmer.

Villa Heard From.

(By Associated Press.)

San Antonio, Texas, April 24.—Villa, slightly wounded but not incapacitated, has moved into the Parral mountains, according to information to General Funston today. Although he is located, the pursuit probably will not be resumed immediately. General Pershing, under the redispotion plan, will move back his headquarters to Colonial Dublan, near Casas Grandes.

Villa Bandit Captured.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Texas, April 24.—Pablo Lopez, Villa bandit captured near Santa Ysabel Saturday, and who is believed to have led the American massacre at Cusi Huriachi, will be executed in Chihuahua City, according to passengers arriving here. Mexican refugees said that reports were current in the interior that Villa with 1200 men was about to make a second raid on the United States.

Carranza Asks Reply.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 24.—Carranza asks for an early reply to his note requesting the withdrawal of Americans. This was officially learned today in connection with Ambassador Arredondo's seeking an interview with Secretary of State Lansing. The request is said to have been made directly from Carranza through Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City.

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M'COMB GIVES UP COMMITTEESHIP

Retires From Democratic Executive Committee After National Convention.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 24.—Chairman William McComb, of the democratic national committee, notified President Wilson today he was unable to continue in his present position after the democratic national convention, and that he would be unable to direct President Wilson's re-election campaign.

WELLBORN PERSONALS.

Mrs. J. M. Creed returned to her home in Bryan Sunday, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Tom Dyse.

Mr. Tom Johnson of Hearne was in Wellborn Sunday.

Miss Jessie Baker returned Sunday from Navasota.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Royder were visitors to Millican Sunday.

Dr. Pool of Brenham will make his future home in Wellborn. Glad to have him, as one doctor can not fill all the calls, as there is at times a great deal of sickness.

Mrs. C. L. Baker is spending a few days in Millican this week.

Mrs. J. P. Royder and daughter, Mrs. W. J. Pool, were visitors to Bryan Wednesday.

Prof. M. B. Autrey went to Hearne Friday on business.

Mrs. M. B. Autrey and Misses Eunice Taylor and Jannie Battle,

TWO EARTHQUAKES WERE REGISTERED

Instruments at Washington Note Occurrence of Severe Earth Disturbances.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 24.—Two severe earthquakes, one of great intensity, were recorded today on the Georgetown University seismograph. The heaviest was at 3 o'clock. The center appeared to be about 2400 miles from here and it was said if it occurred in an inhabited district, it probably did much damage.

CLOSING UP CONTRACT.

Hayden & Bates, who have the contract for the construction of the grade roads in Road District No. 1, Brazos County, are here for the purpose of closing up the contract, entering into bond, and the other minor details of the transaction. They were engaged with Judge Maloney and the commissioners court in this work today. Mr. Bates of the firm will remain here and give his personal attention to the work until the roads are completed.

visited friends and relatives in Millican Friday and Saturday.

Guy Neeley went to Bryan Saturday on business.

E. J. Redman was a visitor to Bryan Saturday.

J. L. Hensarling went to Bryan Saturday on business.

Miss Claudie Steel of Navasota spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Wellborn.

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